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FROM AMBASSADOR WALTERS

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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ISSUE: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

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REF: ISLAMABAD 15696 DATED 10/17/82

- 1. (S) ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. NOT CLEARLY EXPRESSED IN REFTEL COVERING MY MEETING WITH PAKISTANI PRESIDENT ZIA UL HAQ WAS THE PRESIDENT'S FINAL STATEMENT MADE TO ME IN PRESENCE OF AMBASSADOR SPIERS. HE SAID:

"GENERAL WALTERS, I AM AN HONORABLE MAN. WE ARE AN HONORABLE PEOPLE. I ASK YOU TO TELL YOUR PRESIDENT THAT I GIVE HIM MY WORD OF HONOR AS PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN AND AS A SOLDIER THAT I AM NOT AND WILL NOT DEVELOP A NUCLEAR DEVICE OR WEAPON."

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THERE WAS NO WAY I COULD REJECT THIS ASSURANCE BUT I CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT I HOPED NO FURTHER "BLIPS WOULD SHOW ON OUR RADARS." DAM

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